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DUALTONE MULTI FREQUENCY SIGNAL DETECTION

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ABSTRACT

A signalling tone detector for use in a communications network for the detection of dual frequency multi-tone (DTMF) pairs of signal tones in a time division multiplex (TDM) signal. The detector comprises first and second arrays of adaptive notch filters corresponding to the rows and columns of a subscriber's pushbutton key set. Each said notch filter responds to a respective signal tone by the generation of a corresponding output signal. A logic circuit identifies from a combination of output signals from the adaptive notch filters the presence or absence of a pair of signal tones and, when the presence of a pair of signal tones has been identified, for decodes that pair of tones to corresponding digit information. The detector is used in an arrangement for compressing and packetising TDM traffic for transport over a connectionless network. To prevent distortion, the DTMF tones are decoded to digit information prior to transport over the connectionless network.